

## Britain Honors ZR-2 Victims at Rites in Abbey

Westminster Service Is Part  
of Farewell to American  
Dead Before Departure  
of Cruiser Bearing Bodies

Memorial Here Sept. 17

To Be Held on Pier in South  
Brooklyn After Airships  
Escort Funeral Craft In

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LONDON, Sept. 7.—The solemn tri-  
bune notes of "The Battle Hymn of  
the Republic" sounded this afternoon in  
the ancient halls of Westminster Abbey,  
where rest so many of Great Britain's  
famous dead, when services were held  
in memory of the men lost in the dis-  
astrous ZR-2. The national anthems of  
the United States and Great Britain,  
played after the bugle call, the "Last  
Post," ended the impressive Anglo-  
American farewell tribute to the lost  
heroes of both nations' air forces.  
King George was represented at the  
services by Air Marshal Sir Hugh  
Trenchard, and the Cabinet Ministers,  
who were absent in Scotland, also sent  
representatives. Lord Gorell, under-  
secretary for air, attended in person.  
In the congregation were the American  
Ambassador George Harvey, the Bishop  
of Connecticut, Vice Admiral Niblack,  
commanding United States naval forces  
in European waters, Rear Admiral  
Twining, and Consul General Skinner.  
Detachments from the American air  
force at Horden and the battleship  
Utah attended.

Ancient Prayer Over Dead  
Before the blessing, which followed  
the service conducted by Bishop Ryle,  
Dean of Westminster, a quaint old  
Sixteenth century prayer was read:  
"Support us all the day long in this  
troubled life, till the shades lengthen,  
evening comes, the busy world is  
hushed, the fever of life is over and  
our work is done. Then in Thy mercy  
grant us safe lodging in holy rest and  
peace at last."

The British cruiser Dauntless sailed  
this morning bearing the bodies of  
fifteen of the sixteen American airmen  
killed when the giant airship exploded  
over the city of Hull. Admiral  
Underhill attended the embarkation,  
and the caskets containing the victims  
of the disaster were escorted by 200  
sailors and a guard of honor com-  
manded by an officer and fifteen men.  
The ship was at half mast and the British  
battleship Impregnable fired twenty min-  
ute guns.

One of the bodies, that of Command-  
er Emory Coll, will be buried in mid-  
ocean, in accordance with wishes he  
had expressed long before his death.  
The parents of John T. Hancock, an-  
other American victim, but born in  
England, claimed his body, and it was  
buried in London to-day. Thus only

fourteen of the sixteen Americans who  
lost their lives will reach New York.

Plymouth Says Farewell  
PLYMOUTH, England, Sept. 7.—The  
British warship Dauntless slowly  
steamed out of Plymouth Harbor this  
afternoon with the bodies of Com-  
mander Louis H. Maxfield and fourteen  
of his fellow officers and men who lost  
their lives in the disaster which be-  
fell the giant dirigible ZR-2 at Hull  
two weeks ago.

As the funeral ship started on its  
voyage to New York the guns of the  
outer harbor fortifications boomed a  
farewell in honor of the Americans,  
who a few weeks ago were anticipat-  
ing a return home aboard the new  
American aerial goliath.

Thousands thronged the hill slopes  
and watched the memorable scene as  
the Dauntless steamed out to the boom-  
ing of guns. As she plowed slowly  
down the harbor fortifications com-  
missioned a vessel in the harbor manned  
by many floral tributes were placed on  
the caskets before the vessel sailed,  
among them being wreaths from the  
Mayor of Plymouth in the name of  
the inhabitants of the city, from the  
Pilgrims and from the naval, mili-  
tary and air forces.

Exercises Here September 17  
From The Tribune's Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—The British  
cruiser Dauntless will dock at  
South Brooklyn late September 16 or  
early in the morning of September 17,  
of the Navy Denby an-  
nounced to-day.

The ceremonies attending the trans-  
fer of the bodies from the British ves-  
sel to American soil will be held on  
dock at 2 o'clock in the afternoon  
of September 17 and will be attended  
by Secretary Denby and other officials  
of the United States Navy. Arrange-  
ments have been left to Captain C. T.  
Vogelbein, commandant of the 8d  
Naval District, who has been instructed  
to make proper provisions for disem-  
barking the bodies to their destinations  
after the memorial exercises.

The Dauntless will be met at sea  
by a flotilla of destroyers and anti-  
craft, dispatched from the Atlantic  
fleet, which is in New York Harbor. The  
American sea forces will escort the  
Dauntless to its berth.

The bodies of Commander Louis H.  
Maxfield, commanding officer of the  
American crew which was selected to  
bring the ZR-2 to this country; Lieut-  
enant Commander Valentine N. Belg  
and Chief Mechanic Mate George  
Welch will be brought to Washington  
and buried with full naval honors in  
Arlington National Cemetery.

Defective Gland Blamed  
For Woman's Burglaries

County Judge Bayes, in Brooklyn  
yesterday sentenced Mrs. Fanny Lie-  
bowitz, thirty-seven years old, of 644  
Snedeker Avenue, Brooklyn, to the city  
prison for one year, and suspended  
judgment on nine months of that time  
after she had pleaded guilty to an in-  
dictment charging burglary in the second  
degree.

Mrs. Liebowitz has been under treat-  
ment for defective secretions of the  
thyroid glands for the last three  
months, it being believed that this ail-  
ment was responsible for her criminal  
tendencies. Judge Bayes became inter-  
ested in the case last June, when he  
learned that the woman was the  
mother of eight children and that her  
husband provided a good home for her.

## Edwards Holds Brandon Met His Just Fate

Breaks Silence With Inter-  
view Declaring His Firm  
Belief in Guilt of Man  
Executed for Murder

Denies Hiring Detectives

Asserts He Did Not Receive  
Pleas From Congressmen  
That He Grant Clemency

For the second time since George  
Brandon was convicted and executed  
for the murder of Arthur L. Kupfer  
and Edith Janny, at 2 o'clock on the  
morning of August 22, 1918, in an au-  
tomobile on a deserted, moonlit road-  
way in Rahway, N. J., Governor Edward  
I. Edwards broke his self-imposed sil-  
ence yesterday to answer the fire of  
insistent critics.

Governor Edwards seemed to have  
been deeply stirred by the statements  
and accusations his failure to grant  
a reprieve for Brandon have brought  
forth. He insisted that his belief was  
firm in the executed man's guilt and  
that it could not be shaken by offers  
of last-minute evidence of innocence.  
He denied some of the assertions of  
I. Faehner Goldenhorn, who tried to  
save Brandon from the chair or to ob-  
tain at least a postponement of the  
execution.

Story of Private Detectives  
The occasion for seeking an inter-  
view with the Governor was a new  
story conveyed to those interested in  
procuring an investigation of the case.  
This was that private detectives had  
been employed by the Governor to  
look up one, if not more, of the affiants  
who placed Brandon far from the  
tenant Commander Valentine N. Belg  
and Chief Mechanic Mate George  
Welch were fired. It is insisted by Mr.  
Goldenhorn that Governor Edwards  
refused to listen to all but one of  
these affidavits, and it is for this rea-  
son that the lawyer declared his in-  
tention to keep the case alive until  
his new evidence has been examined.

"No, I never hired private detec-  
tives," Governor Edwards said. "There  
was no need. There was evidence  
enough. I read the article this morn-  
ing, and I am very sorry that a story  
like that was printed. There were  
statements in it that were absolutely  
untrue."

Governor Edwards asked the reporter  
to wait until he had consulted the copy  
of the newspaper that lay on his desk.  
"It is said here that eight Repre-  
sentatives in Congress sent me tele-  
grams asking me to stay Brandon's  
execution. I never received even one  
telegram from a Congressman, not to  
mention eight. Nor did I receive mes-  
sages appealing for clemency from  
eight New Jersey editors, as Mr. Gold-  
enhorn says. But it would not have  
made any difference if they did. A lot

of people sleep over about a case like  
this, it is an executive's duty to plain."  
Governor Edwards said that he had  
received a telegram from J. A. H.  
Hopkins, chairman of the Citizens'  
Union of New Jersey. As with the  
Goldenhorn affidavits, it did not alter  
his opinion of guilt, he said. The Hop-  
kins telegram read:

"As a resident of New Jersey, I  
urge you to reprieve George Brandon,  
under sentence to be executed to-mor-  
row (August 23) until the additional  
evidence now in possession of his at-  
torney may be thoroughly investigated  
and the way cleared to an impartial  
hearing. Humanity and legal ethics  
demand that Brandon should have the  
benefit of every doubt and for the  
honor of New Jersey we cannot afford  
to execute a possibly innocent man  
who claims now to have in his posses-  
sion the necessary proofs of his in-  
nocence."

Governor Edwards repeated what he  
had said in his first interview, that he  
had not taken care of his man at the  
trial, and an hour and had told him he  
would have to produce his witnesses in  
person.

"This man McDermitt," the Governor  
added, "was not disbarred because he  
did not take care of his man at the  
trial. He was disbarred for failing to  
comply with the rules of the court as  
to prosecuting the writ of error."

Does Not Intend to Worry  
The Governor closed by saying that  
he did not intend to worry about the  
case and that he did not consider that  
his attitude in it needed newspaper  
publicity or support.

Yesterday there was a conference on  
the Brandon case at the office of the  
Committee of Forty-eight, 15 East  
Fortieth Street, at which Mr. Hopkins,  
who chairman of the executive com-  
mittee, presided and which was at-  
tended by Mr. Goldenhorn.

When the conference, which lasted

nearly two hours, was ended, Mr.  
Hopkins announced that he had re-  
ceived letters offering newspaper sup-  
port and that plans for a thorough in-  
quiry would be carried forward with-  
out delay.

## W. D. Rockefeller To Be Called in Gas Hearing

At the request of the Corporation  
Counsel, through Assistant Corpora-  
tion Counsel Fertig, Chairman William  
A. Prendergast, of the Public Service  
Commission, yesterday agreed to issue  
subpoenas for William D. Rockefeller  
and Lewis B. Gawtry, the banker, to  
testify in the hearings before the com-  
mission of the application of the New  
York and Queens County Gas Company  
for permission to increase its rates.

The city is opposing the application of  
the company before the commission.  
Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Gawtry will  
not be called until the city signifies  
its readiness to examine them as wit-  
nesses. Mr. Rockefeller is a director  
of the Consolidated Gas Company, and  
Mr. Gawtry is a former director.  
Mr. Fertig told Chairman Prendergast  
at the conference that experts from  
the Corporation Counsel's office  
were having trouble in gaining access  
to all of the books of the company.  
Representatives of the company ex-  
plained that the city examiners wanted  
to cart away all of the books of the  
company, which would have disrupted  
the bookkeeping system. The company  
and the city representatives finally  
came to an understanding without the  
issuance of subpoenas.

The hearing of the New York and  
Queens county application will be  
resumed before Chairman Prendergast  
next Monday.

## Broadway Chase For Stolen Auto Is Ended in a Crash

Motor 'Borrowed' While the  
Owner Is in Bank Hits  
Street Car and Women  
Faint; Taken to Jail

Morris Terrell, of 20 West Sixty-  
fifth Street, was captured by automo-  
bile squad detectives in a stolen car  
yesterday after a spectacular chase  
which ended when the pursued driver  
crashed into a cross-town car at Fifty-  
ninth Street and Ninth Avenue, break-  
ing all the car windows. Nine women  
were hurled from their seats and two  
fainted.

The automobile driven by Terrell  
rested on its hind wheels and remained  
in that position when Detectives Mas-  
kill and Kelly, of the West Forty-  
seventh Street station, dragged their  
man from his seat. He was dazed by  
the crash and offered no resistance.

Elmer A. Kennedy, of 30 Beachurst  
Road, Rockaway, drove his automobile  
to the curb outside the Gotham Na-  
tional Bank in Columbus Circle soon  
after 4 o'clock. While he was in the  
bank Mr. Kennedy heard his engine  
start. He rushed out in time to see  
the car disappear toward Ninth  
Avenue and gave chase shouting for  
police assistance.

One man sat at the wheel of the car  
and two were in the tonneau. Owners  
of automobiles in the vicinity swung  
into pursuit of the Kennedy car and  
within five minutes a tremendous  
crowd attracted by Kennedy's shout-  
ing had gathered. Detectives Maskill

and Kennedy in a police automobile  
led the chase. Maskill stood on the  
running board with drawn revolver  
calling on Terrell to stop.

When the pursuit became hot Ter-  
rell's companions jumped from the  
automobile and were swallowed up in  
the crowd, making their escape. Ter-  
rell put on more speed in an effort to  
evade his pursuers and struck the  
streetcar.

Terrell said he thought the car be-  
longed to a friend of his and was  
playing a little joke. He was charged  
with grand larceny.

Liner Disabled Off Hatteras  
NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 7.—Messages  
were received to-day from the Clyde  
Line steamer Apache, bound from  
Charleston for New York, saying that  
she was disabled with a broken crank-  
shaft twenty-five miles north of Cape  
Hatteras. The coast guard cutter Man-  
ning was dispatched to her assistance  
and is expected to reach her at day-  
break to-morrow. She will be towed to  
Hampton Roads for repairs.

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